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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously presented) A method of making a smoking composition that comprises a smokable material and exhibits a reduction in at least one component arising from pyrolytic reactions of the smokable material, said method comprising the steps of:

providing said smokable material;

applying a casing solution to the smokable material; thereafter

applying a plurality of metallic or carbonaceous catalytic particles having a mean average or a mode average particle size of less than about 20 microns to the smokable material in a form separate from the casing solution; and

applying a nitrate or nitrite source in a form separate from the casing solution and in a form separate from the plurality of metallic or carbonaceous catalytic particles to the smokable material, before, after or simultaneously with applying the plurality of particles but after applying the casing solution, whereby a smoking composition is obtained.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the component comprises a polyaromatic hydrocarbon.

26-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the component comprises an azaarene.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the component comprises carbazole.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the component comprises a phenolic compound.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the phenolic compound comprises phenol or catechol.

32-50. (Cancelled)